



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

To: Interested Parties

From: DHS Office of Policy Development

Date: July 6, 2023

Subject: Proposed Amendment to Child Care Center and School Age Program Regulations for Licensure

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, the Department of Human Services is advertising the following proposed and amended DHS rules. This rule is being amended in compliance with state and federal law and good practice.

RICR Title 218 – Rhode Island Department of Human Services
Chapter 70 – Office of Child Care Licensing
Part 1 – Child Care Center and School Age Program
Regulations for Licensure

The proposed amendments are as follows:

- §1.9(L)(1) Updated/added language regarding emergency preparedness and response plan
- §1.11(G)(2) Moved chart from 1.11(G)(6) to correct section
- §1.11(G)(14) Removed “within ninety (90) days of employment”
- §1.11 (G)(14)(d) Moved language regarding new hires
- §1.11(H) Changed “Criminal Records Checks and Clearance of Agency Activity” to “comprehensive background checks”
- §1.11(H)(3) Removed language regarding substitutes not required to do professional development
- §1.12(C)(4)(c) Added language regarding staffing a school age program
- §1.12(F)(1) Added “and substitutes”
- §1.12 (F)(1)(c) Added clarifying language
- §1.13(A)(3) Fixed incorrectly numbered section
- § 1.12(A)(1)(b) Changed “Criminal Records Checks and Clearance of Agency Activity” to “comprehensive background check”

These proposed rule is accessible on the Rhode Island Secretary of State website (<https://rules.sos.ri.gov/regulations/part/218-70-00-1>), on the Department of Human Services website (<https://dhs.ri.gov/regulations/proposed-rules-regulations-hearings>) or available in hard copy upon request (401-462-3015 or RI Relay, dial 711). Interested persons should submit data, views or written comments by August 5, 2023 to Tara Borges, Office of Policy Analysis, Research and Development, Department of Human Services, Hazard Building, 1st floor, 41 West Road, Cranston, RI 02920, or email to DHS.PolicyFeedBack@dhs.ri.gov.

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